

## Advisory Group Meeting

**Meeting:** Advisory Group Meeting  
**Date:** October 22, 2004  
**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
**Place:** Conference Call

**Attending:** Patrice Thomsen, Jenny Moe, Cyndi Treaster, Doris Tompkins, Sandra Holguin, Tina Guenther, and Gina Cavasos

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions	Follow-up Required
I. Updates			
A. Medical Expansion Grant		None	None
Cyndi Treaster	The Farmworker Health Program was awarded the medical expansion grant, which increased the funding by one third in August. This is an annual increase to the base grant amount.		
1. Health Promoters		None	None
Cyndi Treaster	This expansion grant means that the Health Promoters will now be a permanent addition to the program. Currently there are three Health Promoters, who feel that they are able to handle the amount of work they have. If they start to feel overwhelmed we have talked about the possibility of hiring on a fourth Health Promoter. The Farmworker Health Program has partnered with the Mennonite Church USA in order to pay the Health Promoters for their work and they are technically employed by them. Several other grants are received by the Mennonite Church to also support their work.		
2. PDA's		None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi told us that we have a contract with Envisage to get the PDA's set up with the database. This will allow the Health Promoters to access the data, which they have not been able to do before. It will also allow the Health Promoters to enter their work into the database and have it be documented. This will reflect better in our reports and improve client follow-up.		
3. Voucher Dollars		None	None
Cyndi Treaster	The expansion grant increases the amount of money we have available to spend on vouchers also, so we will be able to pay for vouchers through the entire grant year.	None	None
4. New Case Manager		None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi said we were able to hire a new Case Manager for the Eastern Region.	None	None

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	Her name is Pat Fernandez. She has been working with Midland. Since she will be a full-time Case Manager we are adjusting the region so she will have a few more counties. This will give Cyndi the opportunity to be a full-time Program Manager.		
B. Sublette Fair		None	None
Cyndi Treaster	There were about 135 adults and children that came to the health fair in Sublette. We feel that it was a great success and plan to have another one next year in October so we can offer flu shots and also the farming will be less demanding and more men will be able to come.	None	None
C. Audio Tape/Health Education Materials		None	None
Cyndi Treaster	The CD's have been recorded and we partnered with Southwest Plains Regional Service Center to do them. Since this project fulfilled one of their grants they did not charge us for the recording we only have to pay for the CDs. They are currently editing the CDs and Rochel and I are working on the audiovisuals that go with it. We are hoping to have the CDs done in a month and the printing done in 6 weeks.	None	None
Patrice Thomsen	Patrice asked Cyndi to tell them what the topics of the CDs are.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) How do I find assistance in Kansas for the health care of my family? Explains the Farmworker Health Program, Healthwave, Medicaid, Insurance and describe entry in to the US health care system</li> <li>2) Preventive Services and Hygiene Describe the basics of preventive services for all ages, dental care and proper hygiene.</li> <li>3) Nutrition and Nutrition Assistance Programs Explain the WIC program, Food Stamps program, Kansas Food Emergency Assistance program, and provide basic nutrition information.</li> <li>4) Depression Identify signs and symptoms of depression, sources of depression, provide suggestions for relieving tension, and describe postpartum depression and measures of treatment.</li> <li>5) Alcohol Abuse This is two parts. Part one defines alcoholism and provides health, social, and economical risks of alcohol abuse and identifies methods of prevention and control. Part two explains the risk of smoking, the risks of second hand smoke and provides tips for smoking cessation.</li> </ol>	None	None

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Cyndi Treaster	<p>6) Family Planning This is two parts. The first part provides the benefits of family planning. The second part explains artificial, natural and surgical methods of family planning.</p> <p>7) Hantavirus Explains Hantavirus and describes ways to prevent it.</p> <p>8) Frequently Asked Questions About Immigration Explains ways people can become legal in the United States and describes where people should get immigration assistance.</p> <p>9) Tuberculosis Provide tuberculosis etiology and describes how it is transmitted. Describes the PPD test and methods of treatment.</p> <p>10) Occupational and Farm Safety Describe child safety on the farm and explain how to protect yourself from pesticides.</p> <p>One copy will be sent to the Access Point Agencies and to the newly registered families after December 1<sup>st</sup>. The Health Promoters are also talking about using them with some small group discussions.</p> <p>Gina do you think this would be useful?</p>	None	None
Gina Cavazos	Yes it will be. Plus UMMAM has 2 people that work here on immigration.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	We are including a listing of places to go to for immigration. We could send each Advisory Committee a copy also.	None.	Send Advisory Committees a copy of CDs
II. Diabetes Initiative		None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi stated that we are required to work on quality of care. Unfortunately since we are a voucher program we don't fit neatly into the collaborative model. Diabetes was chosen to work on for a couple of reasons. First, we don't have a lot of diabetics so it was a small enough group that we thought was manageable. Secondly, if diabetes is not managed well it has very serious consequences that are costly. We had a Pre Med intern who did a survey in order to get a list of clients with diabetes last Spring. The list is currently being cleaned up. We applied for a \$10,000.00 grant from the Bureau of Children Youth and Families at KDHE and if we get it we have a Nurse Practitioner who by using the DEMS will work with Providers on a standard of care that we will pay for.	None	None
Jenny Moe	Jenny thought this was a good initiative.	None.	None

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Patrice Thomsen	Patrice agreed and said that by working to delay or prevent diabetes makes for a better quality of life and better health. Patrice asked if there were any other states doing this.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	Voucher programs that are linked to Community Health Centers have participated in the collaboratives but Cyndi is not aware of other stand alone voucher programs that have participated. If the model works for us we will share it with other voucher programs.	None	None
Gina Cavazos	UMMAM has Francisca who does clinics that goes over administering insulin, cooking, diet, nutrition and foot care. She maintains a mailing list and sends them the clinic dates and info and the families are also welcome to come. She does the clinics in Spanish.	None	None
Dorris Tompkins	Doris said she knows that there are several farmworkers that are in the Farmworker Program that have diabetes.	None	Follow up w/Robert on the clients with diabetes.
III. New Population of Farmworkers			
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi received a call to help a family in SE Kansas where the wife is pregnant and needing some extended diagnostic work done. There are about 50 others in the community and they are all from the Marshall Islands. They are working with mushrooms. The people from Healthy Start identified them to Cyndi. They speak Marshallese, a couple of them speak English. Robert and Cyndi have been presenting at the Healthy Start Trainings this year. The next one will be in ST. John. Cyndi asked if anyone had heard about new cotton production going on in Central KS. She had been hearing that there were some cotton farms but had not really had any new farmworkers with that as their job.	None	None
Doris Tompkins	There is a cotton gin in Pratt.	None	None
Gina Cavazos	She has seen some starting to pop up but where she is the farming is primarily dairy and then the beef packing.	None	None
Tina Guenther	There has been an increase in cotton. Farmers who did corn, wheat, etc are testing with cotton to conserve the soil. These are not new farms, so the farmworkers who work with the corn or wheat would work the cotton.	None	None
Cyndi Treaster	If any of our farmworker clients are working with the cotton it could be a benefit. A program in Texas called "Call for Health" views cotton as farmwork. Some other things that we would typically think of as farmwork they do not.	None	None
IV. Resignation of Advisory			

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Committee			
Cyndi Treaster	<p>Sara Friesen resigned from the Advisory Committee. She is starting a business out of her home. It is a fabric business. Carmelo Mendoza is resigning also. He has been out of farmwork for a couple of years and his wife has cancer.</p> <p>Cyndi asked if everyone felt okay with Tina Unger taking Sara's place on the committee.</p> <p>Cyndi asked if anyone had any ideas for the replacement of Carmelo? We would prefer a Hispanic person to replace Carmelo for the make up of the board to stay balance.</p>	Ask Tina Unger to take Sara's place on the committee.	None
Jenny Moe	Will check with the field staff to see if they know of anyone.	None	None
V. Midwest Migrant Farmworker Stream Forum			
Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi is excited about the Midwest Migrant Farmworker Stream Forum because all the Case Managers and two out of the three Health Promoters are able to go this year. This will be the first time that everyone gets to attend the same conference.	None	None
VI. Migrant Education Eligibility Trainings			
Cyndi Treaster	Migrant Education is a program of the Department of Education. The funds help school districts that have children that have migrated in the last two years. They are also able to pay some medical expenses if the illness hinders the child's ability to learn. Gabriella and Robert have been going to the registration trainings. This will allow us to register children in their program if it will benefit the family.	None	None
VII. Other			
Cyndi Treaster	<p>Gary Boutz with the Department of Agriculture is trying to do outreach training on pesticide exposure. You may be hearing more about him as he is trying to collaborate with us.</p> <p>He wanted us to go to a Conference for farmworker employers. Unfortunately we will not be able to go because it is going on at the same time as the Migrant Stream Forum.</p>	None	None
Jenny Moe	Dept of Labor in Chicago called and wanted to know what the prevailing wage of a sheepherder in Kansas is. Jenny has not been able to find this information and wanted to know if anyone had any suggestions.	None	None

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Cyndi Treaster	Cyndi suggested calling Kansas State University.	None	None